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him, he said I'm so excited I can't eat because, you know, the factory worker (sic) gave me this money and I have to decide how I'm going to invest it and what I'm going to buy. I just can't eat, I'm too excited. And when it was time to pick up his fiddle, well, he was just too excited to do that because he had important questions to answer. He had to decide what he was going to do with this money. And when he went to bed that night he couldn't sleep because this question weighed heavily upon his soul and he didn't know what to do the money...with the money and what the best use was. And so this went on day, after day; after day, and the factory worker became more and more haggard because he wasn't eating, he wasn't sleeping, and he certainly was not playing his music anymore. Finally, he came to the conclusion that he was going to return the money to the factory worker (sic) because he was so miserable that it was not worth it. Now you can tell me whether you thought that story taught a I think it did and I think it taught us that the value. American way is wrong. So, Senator Jones, that was my concern when I looked at the test, and certainly not every story was that graphic, but some of them were. And there is no guarantee because before the test we're not going to be able to look at it. But my biggest concern with the NAEP is not that. It's the fact that schools cannot use it as a diagnostic tool. They don't...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR REDFIELD: ...get the tests back, therefore, they can't look and see what students have missed, and they can't fix what they have not done well in the classroom. So it serves no purpose. It takes time, it takes money, and it takes away from teaching time in the classroom for no purpose because the teacher cannot go back and see what questions their class missed so that they can correct that. That's my objection to the NAEP test. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Vrtiska, on the Beutler amendment. Senator Vrtiska. I don't see him around. Senator Dierks. Excuse me, Senator Dierks, here comes Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Bohlke,